

**REMARKS**

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated December 15, 2008. Claims 49-77 were pending in the application at the time the Office Action was issued. Claims 68-77 have been withdrawn. Entry of the amendments and remarks submitted herein, and favorable examination of the elected invention are respectfully requested.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated December 15, 2008, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 49-67) without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to request rejoinder of process claims that depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of allowable product claims as set forth in the Office Action.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 CFR §1.18, the commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the pendency of this application including fees due under 37 CFR §1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1283. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 CFR §1.136(a)(3).

If the Examiner has any further questions relating to this Reply or to the application in general, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone so that allowance of the present application may be expedited.


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